



THE CATECHIST NEWSLETTER

Dearest Catechists,

We are in the Year of Youth!

Last year, Pope Francis dedicated 2018 to the evangelisation and formation of young people. The Pope said "I wanted you (the youth) to be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart. Every young person has something to say to others... we all need to listen to you." This is our mandate as Catechists. This is what we do.

To encourage one another in our important mission, I was wondering if we could share stories with one another, in our newsletter and in the Catholic Voice. If you have an inspiring account that you would like to share, please let me know. This may be to do with a child you have taught, or the way you were called to this mission. 2018 is the Year of Youth and Catechists are at the heart of this task.

On another encouraging note, we have had some great answers to prayer regarding the recruitment of new catechists. At the end of 2017, and despite a lot of hard work, we were having difficulty replacing some retired catechists. After sending out a novena prayer request to some of you, we now find all these places filled, with some groups having too many volunteers. This is a good problem to have and shows the

power that prayer has in every aspect of our lives.

On Sunday, October 14, the Archdiocesan Marian Procession is taking place at the historic, St Clements Monastery, Galong. As it is 100 years since the founding of St Clement's, by the Papal Ambassador of the day, we will have our current Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana leading. Please consider joining us on this beautiful day of prayer and celebration? Our numbers have doubled to 700 pilgrims over the last two years, whilst maintaining a lovely atmosphere amongst the magnificent surrounds of St Clement's.

In the next few weeks we have our compulsory Child Protection in-services throughout the Archdiocese. It is important that you attend as it is vital for your formation and required by the Government and our Church. Also, please note the changes of venue and times as a result of some initial consultation. If you are unable to attend, try and join in with another area, or contact me for alternatives.

Thanks again for the wonderful work that you are doing in bringing Jesus alive to the youth in our care, whilst influencing the staff and parents who we have contact with.

Blessings,

Matt



Let the little children come to me (Mt:19.14)



Immaculate Conception Church, Tumut



Deacon Matt Ransom

In This Mailout

Marian Procession handout, and some ideas about how to care for yourself.

Teaching Resources - Are focused on Mary (as it is the month of May, the month of Mary) and Pentecost.

Youth Magazine - Thanks to the producers of 'Kingdom Revelator' for this great resource.



To all our new volunteers

Mrs Madeline Ryan - Gundagai

Mr Chris Adams - Merimbula

Compulsory Professional Development 2

May 7, Monday - Bermagui
May 19, Saturday - Hayden Hall, Manuka, ACT
May 23, Wednesday - West Wyalong
May 25, Friday - Young
June 4, Monday - Nimmitabel

10am - 1pm including a shared lunch

Contact us on;

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The Pope On Hell!

On Thursday the Holy See stated that a reported interview between Pope Francis and an Italian journalist, which claims the Pope denied the existence of hell, should not be considered an accurate depiction of Francis' words, but the author's own "reconstruction."

A recent meeting between Pope Francis and Italian journalist Eugenio Scalfari, 93, was a "private meeting for the occasion of Easter..." the March 29 communique stated.

"What is reported by the author in today's article is the result of his reconstruction, in which the literal words pronounced by the Pope are not quoted. No quotation of the aforementioned article must therefore be considered as a faithful transcription of the words of the Holy Father."

Scalfari, a self-proclaimed atheist. In an article published on the site March 29, Scalfari claims that Pope Francis told him, "hell doesn't exist, the disappearance of the souls of sinners exists."

Pope Francis has previously spoken about the existence of hell in public speeches, including at a prayer vigil in March 2014. There he gave an address in which he said that members of the mafia should change their lives, "while there is still time, so that you do not end up in hell. That is what awaits you if you continue on this path."
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WWCC & WWVP

Some of you will be due to renew your WWCC numbers and WWVP cards. When you do this, would you mind notifying our office of the new details please?

Our Online Status as Catechists

Please take care when posting personal thoughts and photos online. As Catechists we have a responsibility from our Archbishop as teachers of the Catholic faith. As such our public profile needs to reflect this.



Great Websites

There are many excellent websites for Catechists. In this section, we will feature some of them;

Fun Bible Stuff

www.funbiblestuff.com/handouts/nthandouts.htm



Some Humour!

